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Mr. Dale Ross, Acting Area Manager
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities, Phil Ebel Projects, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities for the various exploration projects Phil Ebel will be operating. These are located in Sections 34 and 35, T38S, R19W, Washington County, Utah. Your agency's designated project numbers are UTU-71731 thru UTU-71735 and UTU-71740.

This letter is to inform you that the Division has evaluated the above mentioned BLM Notices of Intent for completeness. As proposed, the applications only involve *non-mechanized* (i.e., pick and shovel) work. This level/type of mining-related activity does not meet the disturbance criteria which would allow us to categorize it as a Notice level activity. Therefore, we cannot presently process this application under our regulatory program rules.

Should the operator/claimant revise the notice to include more significant surface disturbing activities, especially those involving *mechanized equipment* (blasting, drilling, trenching, road building, etc.), then we will need to process the NOI and issue a State exploration permit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you receive further information or amendments for these operations, please notify us so we will be able to update our files accordingly.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
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cc:

Phil Ebel, Operator



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